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## AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

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By: Melissa A. Abeldgaard

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed September 30, 2004, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

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With regard to the Hoffman reference, Hoffman describes two methodologies to obtaining his desired hammered effect. The first employs spray guns to supply a "scanty coat" that does not entirely cover the surface followed by a second coat "taking care to completely cover the surface." The same effect is stated as being produced by a single coat applied sufficiently heavy "to cover the entire surface." Clearly, Hoffman, while using a "spattering" in the application of his paint does not produce a noncontinuous layer of colorant on the surface. That is, Hoffman teaches to fully cover the substrate.

In light of the above, it is submitted that Applicant's invention is distinct from the applied references and that those distinctions are clearly set forth in Applicant's claims. A reconsideration of the rejection and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 14-0620.

Respectfully submitted,

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